

2008-12-10

Date: December 10, 2008

The meeting was called to order at 7:07pm by president, Beth Kieres. After introductions, the minutes of the November 12 meeting were read, amended, and approved.

Attendance: Beth Kieres, Elizabeth Rocchia, Gwendolyn Rose, Jerry Offer, Linda Neace, Vicki Handi Stephanie Nicoletti, and Buffalo Zoebel.

Treasurer's report

Balance: The changes from last months balance reflect the \$25.98 withdrawal for copies of the Planning Commission files and office supplies. $\$2708.33 - \$25.98 = \$2682.35$ in our account.

Activity: Expenses for Planning Commission and supplies totaling \$25.98. The city stipend of \$1,500.00 is now separate from the current checking account where funds for WNA yoga are deposited and credited.

Presentations

Parks & Recreation Presentation: Jerry Offer, Parks Board Member spoke about the historic national registry and the log cabin proposed to be moved. The historic national registry covers the years 1890 to 1929. The 1900 log cabin is 500 to 600 square feet, 4 rooms and a stone fireplace. The log cabin will cost from \$30,000.00 to \$50,000.00 to move, leaving the geodesic dome solarium. It is not to code and requires retrofitting upgrades. Right of way to move the structure will need to be acquired through the Department of Transportation. An alternate of Wilderness Park is being considered. There is currently no money available to move the structure.

Community Events On December 13,th during the Santa Parade live Christmas trees will be available for sale in front of the Willamette West Linn Fire Department between the hours of 10:00am and noon. The Fire Department will also be accepting toy donations during the parade. The Christmas tree sale is in conjunction with the Willamette Neighborhood Association and the West Linn Parks Department. These trees will be for sale at cost for prices between \$35.00 and \$50.00 and is a tax deductible donation. The trees are to be donated to and picked up by the Parks Department.

Proposed Site Development: The 71 room Holiday Inn Express hearing with Planning Commission was continued to January meeting. Some of the issues of concern: the tree will be saved as a result to repositioning of the building, the effect on wetland area on property, and the height variance. The square footage for entire project exceeds the code requirement and the height variance allows for 3 stories where building is designed with 4 stories. The craftsman style of the proposed hotel is considered to easily assimilate to the surrounding area. Traffic impact is expected to be minimal, as reflected in the traffic impact report.

Proposed Site Development: Buffalo Zoebel reported on the December 3, 2008 Planning Commission agenda. Blain Schutlzer requested a hearing for zone change from R-10 to R-7. Property is known as 1095 Dollar located on the SW corner of Dollar and Ostman. It was mentioned that the zone change from single to multiple dwelling would set or continue a precedence of zoning. The zone change has been denied.

Committee Reports

Traffic Safety Association: Many of the areas crosswalks are in need of paint and speed bubbles are to be added in the spring.

Centennial Committee Report: Pavers and benches were installed last weekend. A request for a bench to be added with a plaque was voted on and approved. The plaque is to read "Willamette Neighborhood 2008."

Neighborhood Resource Network: Greg Smith presented suggestions to network the current resources for neighbors going through difficult economic circumstances. Included in the discussion was:

City Council: December 15 meeting with Willamette Neighborhood Association. Agenda for the work session: Goals and Dreams Vision Statement revision. The 5 year plan is to be updated. Many of the listed priorities have either been accomplished or are in a state of work in progress. Stephanie Nicoletti and Vicki Handi have volunteered to attend and work on the revision process. The 2003 version of the vision and goals statement will be completed in early 2009.

Planning Commission/City updates: WNA is waiting to hear about Planning Commission meeting agendas dealing with the Holiday Inn Express proposed on Willamette Falls Drive. Re-tabling of the proposed plans TBA.

Planter clean-up: November 15, 2008 was the last of the year.

Meeting adjourned: 8:35 p.m. December 10, 2008

Next meeting January 14, 2009, 7pm, at Pacific West Bank in Willamette Marketplace.

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Respectfully submitted,
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